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MARGINAL COLUMN By SHAY SHAPIRO

EXCERPTS from "The Secrets of the Egyptian Expedition" that have been made public here through news agency reports produce a faint ironic smile in persons who are considered to be "in the know" about the Sinai campaign. No definite reaction, however, could be obtained from any trustworthy quarter to the dramatic account which two French journalists published last week on the circumstances which had led to the events of November. There is no indication that the time for confidences has come yet, at any rate, on this side of the Mediterranean. In England and France some people may feel that the abortive Suez expedition marked the end of an era—perhaps closed the way to expectations of solid Franco-British cooperation. For Israel, Operation Kadesh was part of its struggle for survival, a struggle which is still far from concluded.

SO long as Merry and Serge Bromberger's book can be judged only by what reached the Press here, even the uninitiated can discern that it is a compilation of well-known facts, hearsay and pure fantasy in such varying proportions that any serious attempt to find out the truth is a waste of time. Clever craftsmen have written a thriller on a modern political theme. In France, pamphleteering has been an established method of political war for centuries. Napoleon, by the way, made war on Prussia after publishing in Paris a book allegedly imported from Berlin—it was called, by a curious coincidence, "The Secrets of the Court of the King of Prussia." What political purpose was pursued by the authors of "The Secrets of the Egyptian Expedition" is not easy to guess from here.

A FEW of the assumptions presented by the French journalists as facts may quickly be discarded as fantasy. The most fantastic story is probably that which supposed that Prime Minister Ben-Gurion met the President of the French Council of Ministers at a military airfield near Versailles three days before Israel's attack on the Suez Canal. On that very day Mr. Ben-Gurion received the British Ambassador, Sir John Nicolson, in Tel Aviv. It is equally incorrect to say that the British Ambassador Taur intervened in Paris in connection with the alleged change of the D-day for the Israeli attack. The well-established fact is that the Israeli foreign service, including Ambassador Taur, was in the process of what was going to happen in Sinai. The same goes for the French military attaché in Tel Aviv, whom his country's virtual silence in planning the Sinai campaign.

BOOKS like the "Secrets" stir up reflections on how short human memory is, and how easily public interest can be side-tracked to unimportant issues. When American-Russian cooperation in the U.N. shifted the focus from the essential issue, that of Egyptian preparations to attack this country this Spring, to a concentration on Cyprus, began a long time before last October, British spokesmen missed no occasion to stress that Nasser could not be responsible for the seizure of the Suez Canal. The situation became so tense that the British were bound to say the first possible occasion if only to save face. There was apparently a confusion of plans and authority on the British side which the French could not well have failed to be aware that an explosion on the Israeli-Egyptian frontier was imminent and that the British were bound to intervene to their own advantage. But above all, they feared to be accused of acting in concert with the Israelis. The principle of in-exchangeable aims, so dear to the Arabs, has had its influence on the British policies in this area for quite a long time.

THE choice of D-day for the Israeli attack was undoubtedly prompted by the external situation—the fact that Russia had its hands full with events in Hungary played an important role, as did the presence of French-British troops in Cyprus. The Israeli planners in Sinai assumed from the start that, at the least, Israel would be permitted by the big powers to stay on the borders of the Canal, and official accounts of the Sinai campaign stressed that Israel troops had come some distance from the waterway "as planned." If there is a lesson Israel political thought has learned from the campaign, it was that planning should be done on the assumption that a country acts alone. The drawback of the "illusion" in Sinai was, probably, that there was so little of it, while the elaborate and belated moves of France, and especially of Great Britain, gave the impression that it had been a pre-arranged alliance. A real pre-arranged alliance would have saved many lives and much trouble.

Siege in Chile; 41 Killed In Bus Fare Riots

SANTIAGO, Chile, Wednesday (Reuter). — The Government last night declared a state of siege after 41 persons had been killed in riots against a recent increase in public transport fares.

The Government also ordered the armed forces to put down any disorders following two unsuccessful attempts by mobs to assault Government Palace. The Government, in a nation-wide broadcast, announced that the commander of the emergency zone had ordered troops to use their firearms against any assailant. He also ordered the closing down of all public places still open.

The Ministry of Interior said the number of dead totaled 41, while hospitals reported 120 were wounded, many seriously.

Police and troops opened fire and used tear gas to break up the demonstrations and the army gradually took over control of the city from Chile's police.

The exact number of victims was not known as shooting continued in Santiago's central area where mobs were destroying lamp posts, traffic signals and benches in squares, and making bonfires in the middle of the streets. All public transport was withdrawn after mobs overturned and destroyed 22 trolley buses in Avenida O'Higgins, Santiago's main thoroughfare, not far from Government House.

It was reported that over 50 cars were overturned and troops after they had refused to order them from army officers to stop shooting against demonstrators. The authorities imposed a curfew on the city from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m.

17 Cypriots Held In Anti-EOKA Drive
NICOSIA, Wednesday (Reuter). — British troops have arrested 17 Cypriots in a new anti-EOKA operation which began at dawn today in the "triangle of terror" area south of Famagusta.

The aim of the operation is to find wanted men and a hidden arms dump. This is the first operation launched since Field Marshal Sir John Harding, the Governor, offered safe passage from Cyprus to all EOKA men, including their chief, George Grivas.

Two Greek Cypriot priests were reported to have been arrested by security forces in western Cyprus today.

U.K. LABOUR ASKS DELAY IN A-TESTS
LONDON, Wednesday (Reuter). — The Labour Party tonight unanimously passed a resolution calling for the postponement of Britain's projected nuclear tests for a period of six months to allow the Government to make an immediate initiative in putting forward proposals for such tests through international agreement.

U.K. to Announce Atomic Defence Policy Today

LONDON, Wednesday (UP). — Britain has decided to abandon much of her "conventional" defence policy and to substitute for it a strategy of deterrents backed by H-bombs, rockets and the means to deliver them.

Prime Minister Harold Macmillan has added his weight to these plans after his meeting with President Eisenhower in Bermuda last month.

In a letter to the members of the defence pattern, Britain also expects to be able to cut her defence commitments sizeably; this will not be possible until the end of the year, when the Government expects to whittle down the burdensome expense by as much as 50 per cent.

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B-G: Jews May Come from Russia

JERUSALEM POST REPORTER
TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — The Prime Minister, Mr. David Ben-Gurion, said today there was a prospect for the first time that Jews from Russia might come here. It was by no means a certainty but nor was it remote from realization.

His remarks were made at the opening of Beit Sokolov, the new home of the Journalists Association. The Premier said that the newspaperman's mission in Israel today was to describe to newcomers the great things which are being done in the country.

Pointing out that he hoped more than 100,000 immigrants would arrive this year, Mr. Ben-Gurion said it was a relief to hear from a friend who recently visited Russia that Jewish youth—although completely estranged from Jewish studies—were imbued with the urge to emigrate to Israel.

The crowd of journalists waited for the Prime Minister at the stairs of the marble-clad building in Rehov Hakiryas. Miss Celina Sokolov, daughter of the former President of the Zionist Organization in whose name the house is dedicated, cut the blue ribbon at the entrance.

The ceremony was held in the Norman Hall, where the newsmen stood in memory of Yosef Heftman, the late Chairman of the Journalists Association, initiator of the Beit Sokolov project. He was elected by Mr. Michael Asad, Chairman of the Association, Mayor Haim Levanon, in bringing the greetings of the Municipality, reminded the gathering that Tel Aviv owes its name to Sokolov; this, indeed was the word used by him in translating Herzl's "Altneuland."

An eight-page newspaper, called "Nes" (Miracle), was published on the occasion of the opening. The building was designed by Shulamit and Michael Nadler.

A three-hour reception was held in the evening for some 3,000 persons, including members of the Government and Knesset, leaders of the industry, commerce and the arts, as well as foreign diplomats.

Indonesian Martial Law Tightened
JAKARTA, Wednesday (UP). — The Indonesian Army tightened its grip on the island nation today through martial law following failure to fill the political vacuum in the capital.

Majority commanders on the major islands called for a speed-up in development programmes and further crackdowns on corruption among officials. They also lashed out at "politicians" for their inability to lead the nation. Efforts to form a business cabinet" ended in failure yesterday and President Sukarno promised to "act" himself to overcome the political crisis.

In East Java, Regional Administrator Col. Soemarto warned that the military would "take care of any attempts aimed at slowing down or hampering development plans." He also said the army would see to it that internal security was maintained and corruption and bureaucracy eliminated in carrying out President Sukarno's state of war and siege proclamation.

Hungary Renews Russian Studies as Compulsory
VIENNA, Wednesday (UP). — Premier Janos Kadar decreed yesterday that Russian lessons will again be compulsory in all Hungarian schools. It was learned today.

The new decree restores the old pre-revolution status with Russian as the main foreign language in Hungary. In Washington, the State Department accused Hungary of continuing "the worst practices of the Stalinist terror."

It said Premier Kadar's regime "has vergerously sought to identify, seize, and punish" those who participated in the Hungarian revolt.

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British Strikers Charge Sell-Out
LONDON, Wednesday (Reuter). — A Government court of inquiry opened today to probe a wage row in Britain's shipbuilding and engineering industries while 17 million strikers prepared half-heartedly to return to work tomorrow.

A stormy meeting through-out the country, many workers accused their leaders of a "sell-out" to the employers. Protracted negotiations between the unions and employers broke down last week after the rejection of a compromise offer by the employers of up to half the demand. The unions demanded a 10 per cent wage increase for both the shipbuilding and engineering employees.

Jordan to Open Diplomatic Ties With Russia

Jordan Premier Nabulsi formally informed Arab envoys in Amman of his Cabinet's decision to establish diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union.

The decision was taken at an emergency Cabinet session on Tuesday night.

Nabulsi conferred at length yesterday with his Chief of Staff, Ali Abu Nawar, and his Foreign Minister, Abdul-Rahman al-Rimawi.

"El Jihad" reported yesterday that the Deputy Chief of Staff, Lt. Colonel Sa'ed Shalabi, has been sent to London on a secret mission. He has been furnished with a diplomatic passport and is expected to remain in London for "some time."

The political crisis arising out of the dispute between the Premier and King Hussein was not settled by Nabulsi's audience with Hussein on Tuesday. "Palastin" said yesterday. This dispute centres on the right of Jordan to enter the Egyptian-Syrian (that is pro-Soviet) or Saudi Arabian (pro-American) camp.

Nabulsi reported back to the cabinet that he decided to delay his resignation "for the time being." The cabinet had unanimously decided to resign.

Meanwhile, the king has replaced his second aide, de camp with a Legion Officer, Major Majid el-Haj Hassan. His senior A.D.C. was replaced earlier this week by Colonel Mohammed Mualla. The officers replaced were considered to favour Nabulsi's policy of closer ties with Egypt.

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NO OBSTACLE TO U.S. AID — EBAN
WASHINGTON, Wednesday (UP). — There is no obstacle to the resumption of American aid to the Arab States, Mr. Eban said last night after conferring with the Under-Secretary of State, Mr. Christian Herter.

Mr. Eban said he had discussed in the Middle East situation in general and also tried to "accelerate progress" on economic aid talks.

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Israel May Not Quit Brussels Fair
BRUSSELS, Wednesday (INA). — There are certain indications here that Israel's decision to withdraw from the Brussels International Fair in 1958 is not final.

It is known that during a meeting with Finance Minister Levi Eshkol in Paris last week, Israel's Minister to Belgium, Mr. Joseph Ariel, discussed the matter when it became clear that Mr. Eshkol was not opposed to reconsideration of the decision by the Israeli Cabinet. It is learned that the Belgian authorities have expressed a keen desire that the Israeli Government should revoke its decision.

Primate of Finland To Visit Here
TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — The Primate of Finland, Archbishop Ilmari Salminen, will arrive here with Mrs. Salminen for a visit soon. Dr. H. Vardi, Adviser to the Minister of Religious Affairs on Christian Communities told a meeting of the Israel-Finland association yesterday.

The Archbishop will be the first supreme ecclesiastical churchman to visit this country. This was especially important, as little contact so far existed between the two countries, he said.

Meir: No U.N. Troops for Israel; 'It Would Solve No Problem'

Ike: U.S. Committed on Akaba And Gaza, But Not on Canal

WASHINGTON, Wednesday (INA). — President Eisenhower today drew a distinct differentiation between U.S. commitments to Israel on the Gaza Strip and Gulf of Akaba on the one hand, and the U.S. attitude on Israel's Suez transit rights.

At his press conference, a questioner sought to elicit from the President his view of Egypt's barring of Israel shipping from the Canal in the light of the President's February 20 assumptions.

The President replied he thought mention of Israel's Suez use was in different terms from references to the Gaza Strip and the Gulf of Akaba in correspondence with Premier Ben-Gurion. Mr. Eisenhower said Mr. Ben-Gurion did not mention the Canal matter as one of the assurances he would need before withdrawing Israel forces.

Mr. Eisenhower said Egypt was claiming certain belligerent rights in denying passage to Israel ships, and he did not know how this would be settled. But on the Gulf and Gaza issues, where we did say we would use our good offices, the President indicated the U.S. considered itself under an obligation.

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U.S. Studies Reply From Nasser
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The spokesman said Mr. Lincoln White, told a press conference the response was under study. He declined to give any clue as to its contents.

In London, the Foreign Office said today it had not yet received full information on the Egyptian reply on negotiations.

The spokesman said: "We are aware that a reply has been received from the U.S. Government, but we have no full information so far."

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Partial Solutions Won't Help
Foreign Minister Golda Meir said in the Knesset yesterday that the Government would not stationing of a U.N. force in Nitzana or in other parts of Israel territory. Replying to the debate on the Foreign Ministry's budget, she said that the stationing of such a force would be no solution to the problems existing between Israel and the Arab States.

She said that there was only one thing required of Egypt and the other Arab States: to end the incursions from across the borders. The stationing of a U.N. force in order to preserve peace, must understand this and exert pressure on Egypt to renounce her claims to belligerency.

They could not say that the armistice agreement—which Egypt has violated day after day and night after night—was in force simultaneously with a status of belligerency of continuing the military occupation and UN administration in the Strip until a peace treaty was signed or some other agreement reached between the two sides; at the same time, the question of basing UN forces on Israel territory being raised.

The French Foreign Minister said further that the stationing of UN forces in the U.N. was in complete accord with the principles agreed on by the U.S. and France.

Mrs. Meir told the Knesset that although she had not yet received the text of UN speeches to anyone, in this case there was good reason for doing so: France and the U.S. which had promised to support this procedure and the UN delegate, had a right to know in advance, word for word, what Israel was to say.

"We sat many hours arguing over word formulations on what to include and what not to include," Mrs. Meir said. There was no one in the world—with the exception of Herut—who did not regard this procedure and the UN negotiations as a moral obligation on the part of the U.S.

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Shadmi Cross-Examined On Kafr Kasim Curfew Orders

By MACABEE KANIN, Jerusalem Post Reporter

The key witness in the Kafr Kasim trial, Aluf-Mishne Isaac Shadmi, yesterday took the stand in an army camp somewhere in the West Bank, commanded the unit led by who with 10 others is standing trial for killing 47 villagers on October 29. In his November 1 statement, Shadmi charged that he had only been following orders. The statement was read last week in court.

Aluf-Mishne Shadmi said that an hour before he called his officers together at 3 p.m. on October 29 to issue his Group 5 Orders, he talked with Malinski in the War Room on the curfew in border villages. Other officers had been in the room, but had been occupied with their own affairs.

S/A Gilson: Malinski stated (in his November 1 statement) that you gave him three objectives.

A/M Shadmi: That's right. Question: Malinski says you explained the policy and system regarding three objectives. The first was to impose a curfew from 5 p.m. to 6 a.m.

Answer: No. I asked for a dusk to dawn curfew. After consultations with another officer, these hours were agreed upon.

Question: Did you tell Malinski that within three hours the villagers were free to do as they wished and "could drink coffee to their heart's content"?

Answer: I do not remember saying this. It does not seem likely that I would say it.

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Dutch Leader Wants Israel in Euratom

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — The inclusion of Israel in the European common market and Euratom would present so many political advantages that other considerations should be cast aside, according to Mr. Evert Vermeer, chairman of the Dutch Labour Party, who concludes his fortnight's visit of Israel tomorrow.

Mr. Vermeer, Mr. H. Korte, head of the Dutch Trade Union, and some other members of the 17-man delegation of Dutch labour movements, met the press at Mapai headquarters here today.

The delegation had earlier met Prime Minister Ben-Gurion, and said later that this meeting had been the most impressive part of their visit to Israel.

The cornerstone laying ceremony for the Institute was held at Beit Berl today. The Dutch visitors, who are the guests of the Government and Mapai.

Mr. Vermeer handed \$15,000 to the Director of the Beit Berl Teachers' Seminary to build the building of a nature institute to bear the name of Henri Polak, one of the founders of the Dutch trade union movement.

Mr. Reuben Barkat, head of the Histadrut Political Department, pointed to the strong bonds between the Dutch movements of Holland and Israel. The head of the Dutch delegation said the visit to Beit Berl was another pleasant experience for the visitors in Israel.

Work on the nature institute building will start in two weeks. It will cost \$170,000 to complete the first stage, in the building, it is learned.

Trade in Foreign Bonds Allowed

Persons who bought foreign securities with the 50 percent of the restitution funds that they received from Germany which was allotted them for their personal use will now be permitted to trade these securities with other Israelis for securities of equal value, the Finance Ministry spokesman announced yesterday.

The transfer may be made to whoever they wish as long as the transaction is registered with the Treasury.

The order, which is issued over the signature of the Controller of Foreign Currency, also permits the trading of foreign securities by Israeli residents if they had them in their possession before March 1, 1957.

Heretofore, owners of such securities, which in any case had to be kept in authorized banks, could only sell them abroad for dollars and then convert the proceeds into Israeli pounds.

Tactless Talk

In answer to Mr. Tamir, Dr. Liff said that he hardly knew Mr. Yarkoni, Mr. Yarkoni's visit to his home for an "off the record" talk about the investigation was tactless and improper. The visit had lasted five minutes. It often happens that prominent businessmen, lawyers or bankers wished to discuss questions on an informal basis, as they did not like appearing at police headquarters. I have met very few people who are keen to visit the Economic Police," he declared, beaming.

For an hour and a half Mr. Tamir questioned Dr. Liff about the various files produced in court, and as to why a folder of one had been changed. Dr. Liff, with the air of a craftsman proud of his calling, entered into the minutest details of the Police procedure, prompting Judge Zeltner to remark that the aim of the trial was not to teach Mr. Tamir to become a police officer.

Old Age Pension Warrants Given

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By SHALOM COHEN, Jerusalem Post Reporter

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Charges Filed In Kastner Murder

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — The charge sheet against the three young men suspected of the murder of Dr. Israel Kastner, a month ago, was filed in the Magistrate's Court here today.

The three men charged with premeditated murder, are Zeev Eckstein, Yosef Minkes and Dan Shucrit.

Minkes is also charged with leading a terrorist organization. According to the prosecution Minkes controlled the organization between June 8, 1953 and March 4 of this year. Eckstein and Shucrit are also charged with belonging to a terrorist group.

The preliminary hearings will take place on Friday before Magistrate M. M. Shamir.

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The Jewish Agency told them that in spring there was plenty of work in their area for anyone who wanted it. The demonstrators were also promised that their claims would be investigated, but after they refused to leave the building, police were called.

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HAIFA, Wednesday. — The strike of the 400 Vulcan workers, now in its sixth day, has laid bare a spirit of discontent in most larger Histadrut enterprises here. The men walked out last Thursday in protest against the abolition of their tax-privileged "automatic premiums" and their conversion into part of their regular wages, taxed at normal rates. They have since steadfastly refused to go back to work as a prior condition of the Labour Council considering their grievances.

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On the contrary, they have explained their case to the workers of other Labour enterprises with the result that, at several of them, the men have sympathy strikes. At two of them, the Hayama shipyards and at the Haangper Kuber Works, the workers committee, loyal to the Labour Council, have resigned.

This evening the Labour Council secretariat retreated from its earlier stand of refusing to talk with the strikers and set down 10 negotiators with them for a way out of the impasse which causes the enterprise substantial losses every day.

The meeting at the Labour Council this evening between its secretariat and the workers committee broke up without result. The Vulcan management announced today that it would "close down" the enterprise this week.

Refugees from Egypt To Be Flown Here

HAIFA, Wednesday. — A three-week airborne operation, to bring over 800 Egyptian refugees, now awaiting clearance in Athens, will start tomorrow. The operation was arranged by the Jewish Agency and will be executed by El Al.

There are now over 1,000 deportees in Athens. As no shipping space is at present available, and another transport of about 1,000 more deportees from Egypt is expected in Athens shortly, the Agency decided on the airborne operation.

It is expected that during the Passover holiday a ship will be available to bring the remaining refugees to Haifa. The Agency prefers sea transport as this obviates the difficulties of bringing the immigrants' luggage.

Druse to Get Full Legal Status

The Druse community in Israel will shortly be granted an independent legal status so as to ensure that the rights of everyone will be ensured against any infringement by the Income Tax Law.

This was stated by Mr. Shmuel Dvora, Adviser on Arab Affairs to the Prime Minister, during a visit he made to the Druse villages of Shfar Am, Yarka and Julia. Mr. Dvora, who was accompanied by the Military Governor of Galilee, met Druse Members of the Knesset and scores of Druse leaders and notables.

He announced that steps are being taken to start building housing projects for demobilized Druse soldiers, to solve the unemployment problem among the community and to ensure equal rights between Druse and Jewish ex-soldiers.

In answer to a question, Mr. Dvora said the Government does not intend to conscript Druse girls, and statements to this effect were purely imaginary.

CURRENCY

In circulation this week dropped by 11.57.97 and stood at 11.57.97. There was an increase of 11.470 in gold; a drop of 11.794.509 in foreign currency holdings; a rise of 11.504.612 in promissory notes and bills; and a rise of 11.504.612 in foreign currency. No changes were recorded in Land Bills and Treasury Bonds.

DEFENCE SERVICE ORDINANCE, 1949

ORDER TO REPORT FOR REGISTRATION EXAMINATIONS AND REGULAR SERVICE

By virtue of the power vested in me in accordance with

par. 4(a), 4(b) and 4(c) of the Defence Law, 1949 I hereby

Interpretation:

1. In this Order, "eligible for service" means permanently residing in the jurisdiction of the State of Israel and who was born between March 31, 1950 and September 31, 1951, both dates inclusive.

2(a). Every person eligible for service is hereby ordered to report for registration and medical and other examinations in order to determine his category for defence service, at one of the places listed in Table A, between the hours 8 a.m. and 12 noon on the day listed in Table B opposite the first letter of his surname.

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3. Persons eligible for service who have reported according to para 2(a) of this Order for Defence Service and were found fit for defence service are hereby called to report for regular service at the time and place given in para 2(a).

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SMALLER SHIPS FOR ELAT RUN

Some changes will be made in the specifications of the ships being ordered in Germany under the Reparations Agreement in order to adapt them for navigation in the Red Sea to Elat. It was learned yesterday from Ministry of Transport sources.

Eilat-Bound Israel Ship Departs

HAIFA, Wednesday. — The 1,500-ton m.s. Alit was due to leave for Durban, South Africa, tonight on the first leg of a trip to Elat. She will arrive there within three months, and will then open a regular Israel flag service between Israel's Red Sea port and Jibouti.

The vessel, commissioned in 1953, is owned by the Zim Company. She is manned by a crew of 18, under Captain Yair Bruckner.

She has served on Zim's Mediterranean route. She is taking 1,000 tons of potash, 45 tons of marble chips and seven tons of general cargo, including chemicals, wines and clothing to South Africa. Ventilators and a sundesk have been installed to fit the vessel for sailing in a hot climate.

Round Clock Loading Of Brigitte Toft

HEERHEDA, Wednesday. — The loading of the Danish freighter Brigitte Toft in Elat port continues without let-up and drivers and stevedores are now working day and night. At the Red Sea port to get 1,500 tons of cement on board. Some 1,700 tons of potash have already been loaded aboard the ship which is bound for Colombo.

According to schedule, Brigitte Toft must be ready to sail on April 13, but the Government will profit by \$500 for each day saved by speeding elevating. It is expected that the ship will leave Elat five days ahead of the deadline.

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The driver of the bus, which belonged to the Arab-owned Nazareth-Haifa bus company, was turned off the highway and drove into Kibbutz Shfar Haamarkin where the mother received further medical assistance. Jewish friends later took the woman back to her family.

Cables in Brief

TEL AVIV. — A Democrat

from Texas, thus maintaining the Democratic majority there of 49 to 47. A strong partyman and successful lawyer, Mr. "Arbush" refused to back Eisenhower in 1952 and 1954 when many Texas Democrats supported him against their own nominee.

POLIO. — Authorities of Communist North Vietnam yesterday refused to allow a British civil aircraft to land in Hanoi with a view to the British Vice-Consul, Mr. John Croxson, who is stricken with polio.

1,500 at Funeral Of Moscow Rabbi

MOSCOW, Wednesday (UPI). — The Jewish Community yesterday paid their last respects to their spiritual leader, Rabbi Solomon Scheffer, 68, in services held at Central Synagogue attended by over 1,500 persons. The Rabbi died on Monday of a heart attack in the synagogue study and was buried today in Voloskovo Jewish Cemetery, 30 kilometres southwest of Moscow.

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